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lapLAP

Lapis not be lap  
not be lambent but  
labia, be lappet,  
lapel, lampoon,

that lap be licking, and to lick,  
and to lap up, the way the tree  
licks up underneath the earth  
with its long tongues  
the small and endless waters in the earth

but not *lambano*, no hurry  
to the place, but I make haste  
to where you unfolded  
the lappets of your closing,

clothing, it all is one blue stone  
of unknown origin its name

it was the first weapon  
it is the thing this church of me is  
founded on

a rock, a rock big enough  
to lift and throw  
and kill a man and still be blue.

I grind it not too fine  
and paint with it, ultra mare  
that color comes, the blue  
bluer than the sea that comes  
from over there

where the blue man complains to the moon.

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